

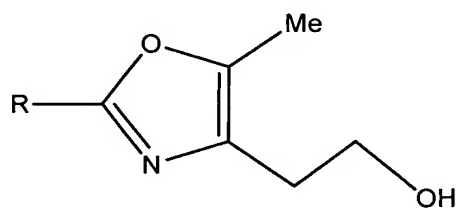
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

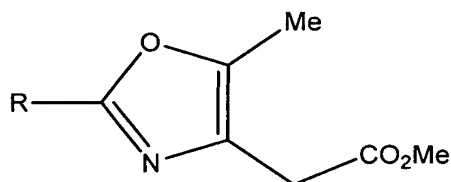
Claims 1. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A method for producing an oxazolylethanol derivative of the formula [6]



[6]

wherein R is an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted condensed heterocyclic group, or a salt thereof, comprising reacting an oxazolylacetate derivative of the formula [5]



[5]

wherein R is as defined above, in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of NaBH₄ as a reducing agent and methanol as an activating agent.